

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended): A pharmaceutical composition comprising activated protein C, a diluent and a chelating agent, wherein the composition is in a vial or I.V. bag, is suitable for administration to a patient, and has reduced or eliminated any increase in 1-149 aPC light chain variant 24 hours after preparation of the composition.

2-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended): The composition of claim 9 [[1]] wherein the ~~diluent is a reconstitution diluent~~ light chain variant does not increase by more than 2%.

12. (Previously presented): The composition of claim 9 [[1]] wherein the diluent is an intravenous infusion solution.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended): The composition of claim 9 [[1]] further comprising a bulking agent.

15. (Previously presented): The composition of claim 14 wherein the bulking agent is selected from the group consisting of mannitol, trehalose, raffinose, sucrose, and mixtures thereof.

16. (Previously presented): The composition of claim 15 further comprising a buffer selected from the group consisting of Tris-acetate, sodium citrate, sodium phosphate, and combinations thereof.

17. (Previously presented): The composition of claim 16 further comprising a buffer such that upon reconstitution the formulation has a pH of about 5.5 to about 6.5.

18. (Previously presented): The composition of claim 17 further comprising a salt.

19. (Previously presented): The composition of claim 18 wherein the salt is selected from the group consisting of potassium chloride and sodium chloride.

20. (Withdrawn): A process for preparing a lyophilized formulation of aPC, which comprises freeze drying a pharmaceutical formulation containing activated protein C and a chelating agent.

21. (Withdrawn): A process for preparing a lyophilized formulation of aPC, which comprises freeze drying a pharmaceutical formulation containing activated protein C, a bulking agent, and a chelating agent.

22. (Withdrawn): A process of preparing a pharmaceutical solution of aPC, which comprises reconstituting a lyophilized formulation containing activated protein C with a diluent containing a chelating agent.

23. (Withdrawn): A process of preparing a pharmaceutical solution of aPC, which comprises reconstituting a lyophilized formulation containing activated protein C and a bulking agent with a diluent containing a chelating agent.

24. (Currently amended): A method of treating a patient in need thereof which comprises administering to the patient the pharmaceutical composition of any one of claims 1 ~~through 9 and 11 through 19, claims 11-12, and claims 14-19.~~

25. (Canceled).